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Dam Removal NEPA/CEQA Scoping Talking Points

1. The record for this hearing needs to reflect the fact that the Shasta Valley had two hearings, while upriver and downriver towns only had one hearing. Why should Yreka and Montague get special accommodations in this process? Is it legal under NEPA and/or CEQA to give extra consideration to one user group?
2. The Klamath Dams Have Had Significant Negative Impacts on Our River, Fisheries and People. To fully mitigate those impacts, the Klamath dams need to be removed by 2013. This EIS should analyze an alternative with an accelerated dam removal timeline.
3. The EIS needs to focus on how and when to remove four dams, not whether to remove four dams.
4. The EIS needs to consider how improved water quality and reduced toxic algae concentrations will affect property values all along the Klamath River, not just for Copco landowners.
5. The No Action alternative needs to include analysis on the economic impact relicensed dams will have on the commercial fishing industry and the cultural, spiritual, emotional and health impacts of relicensed dams on tribal peoples and communities.
6. Dam removal will be of tremendous economic benefit to residents of Siskiyou County and other parts of the Klamath River watershed.